the discussion. So the object of the question hour will be defeated.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What the Hon'ble Member Sri Rachiah says has good substance, but there are difficulties in the way. This has arisen out of the question put by Sri Somanna; otherwise, it ought not to have arisen here. So what has taken place is not outside the scope of the question itself, that is, the general question concerned. As regards the question that was just now raised by Sri Bheemappa Naik, I am not in a position to agree with him. I do not find any rule which prevents me from postponing a question. There is no rule in the Rules of Procedure whereby I cannot postpone any question. So I do not see any force in what Sri Bheemappa Naik says. But at the same time as a healthy rule it ought to be so arranged that if a Minister happens to be absent, he must instruct one of his colleagues so that he may reply on his behalf. Usually that is done. In some cases it is difficult for the Minister concerned to entrust a particular question to another Minister to reply. In such cases, I have allowed the question to be postponed; otherwise, in good many cases questions are answered by some other Ministers on behalf of the Ministers who happen to be absent.

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**Primary Schools opened in Villages during the First Five-Year Plan.**

*Q.*—477. Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the total number of primary schools opened in the villages during the First Five-Year Plan?

*A.*—Sri V. VENKATAPPA (Minister for Education).—

Five hundred and thirty-nine.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Does this figure '538' include any aided schools?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—No question of aided schools coming here. Only Government schools are dealt with here.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಸ್. ಸೂರ್ಯನಾರಾಯಣರಾವ್.—ಪ್ರಶ್ನೋತ್ತರಗಳು ಹೇಗೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತವೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಕೇಳಿಸುವುದೇ ಇಲ್ಲ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will look into it.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—The question is about 'the total number of primary schools opened in the villages during the First Five-Year Plan' and the answer given is: '539'. Was it the target figure contemplated under the First Five-Year Plan or was the number more?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—The target number is 600. As against 600, 539 primary schools have been opened. The upper primary schools opened are 61; that has not been included here.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Does the figure include the schools opened in the integrating areas of Mysore State?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—No. They are all schools opened in the old Mysore State.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—How many schools have been opened in the other integrating areas under the Five-Year Plan?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—I have no information readily available.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—How many of these are basic lower primary schools?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—Now all the primary schools are basic schools.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಂ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಹಳೆಯ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾವಾರು ಎಷ್ಟು ಶಾಲೆಗಳು ತೆರೆಯಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿವೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಸಮಾಚಾರ ತರಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಕಷ್ಟ ಏನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಂ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಆ ಸಮಾಚಾರ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What effort was made by the Government to collect information from the other integrated areas?

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—Some files have not yet come from some Governments. That is why we have not been able yet to collect all the information necessary.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know from which Governments files have not yet come?